

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

There is a strong impression in New York and Vermont that President Taft will offer Gov. Hughes, of New York, the first vacancy that occurs in the United States Supreme Court.

Hardin county, Kentucky, boasts of the largest farm in the world devoted to the growing of gooseberries. It is owned by Mr. W. H. Rohm, and this year it produced eight thousand five hundred bushels.

The Senate accepted Senator Bradley's amendment permitting tobacco growers to sell their products without the payment of a tax. The measure is practically the same as that which passed the House. It removes the tax of 6 cents a pound on the tobacco grower as a vendor.

John Madison, wanted for bigamy in nearly every large city in America, and in many of the smaller ones, is in the hands of the police at San Francisco. The authorities have established his marriage of ten women and his engagement and possible marriage to fourteen others.

Close to 2,000 persons rendered temporarily homeless, with a property loss estimated at \$1,500,000, six persons drowned and two others injured, railway traffic to the north west and south of Kansas City demoralized, and thousands of acres of rich farming land inundated, summarizes the flood situation in Missouri and Kansas.

Brown Barnes and Miss Brack Crouch were married at the home of the bridegroom, at Sharpsburg, Ky., after a courtship of about fifty years. Mr. Barnes is a well-to-do farmer, and has been an invalid for the last three years. He lived with his sister, Miss Sarah Elizabeth, who died suddenly. The wedding took place immediately after her death.

The funeral of the Rev. Joseph S. Scofield, ninety-two years of age, the oldest member of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, South, who died of heart exhaustion early Thursday morning at his home in Louisville, after a brief illness, was conducted at 3 o'clock last Friday afternoon from the Methodist Temple, in that city.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., July 10.—The School Committee of the Business Men's Club today purchased 3 1/2 acres of land from Sullivan brothers, on Holt avenue, and deeded it to W. H. Cord, who will erect a college thereon. The money to purchase the site was made up by the citizens of Mt. Sterling. The school will be known as the Mt. Sterling Collegiate Institute.

In the arrest of a Chinaman at Hopkinsville Saturday police officials for a time thought they had in custody Leon Ling, wanted in New York for the murder of Elsie Sigel. The man under arrest proved to be Chung Louie, of Huntsville, Ala. Louie became enraged at the police station and ran amuck, giving members of the police force all they could do to land him in a cell.

Owingsville, Ky., July 7.—Capt. George Ewing died at his home near Preston, this county, last night. He had been affected for several years with neuritis. He was 72 years of age. He owned several hundred acres of land in the eastern part of the county. He leaves three children, Joshua, Connor and Mable. He was a brother of Col. H. H. Ewing and Penfield Ewing, both of whom died a few years ago. The burial was held at the Owingsville cemetery.

Hopkinsville, Ky., July 10.—Possessors are scouring the county in search of R. E. Morgan, a negro, who this afternoon murdered James Morris, a well known man about town and former manager of the European Hotel, in a boxcar on the Illinois Central railroad in this city. Morris was 41 years of age and leaves a large family. He was a son of Richard Morris, a highly respected citizen, and had always borne a reputation for gentility and peaceableness.

Louisville, July 10.—It is understood that a bill is to be introduced in the next General Assembly of Kentucky requiring the Judges of the Kentucky Court of Appeals to wear black silk gowns while they are on the bench. The members of the Supreme and Superior Courts of many States, copying the customs of the United States Supreme Court, have adopted this custom. Some have done so on their own motion, while others have been required by special acts to add to their dignity by the use of the black robe.

Frankfort, July 10.—While playing Wild West Show with a number of his little companions Dewey Burgess, aged 8, son of Milton Burgess, of Stamping Ground, was hung up and left to his fate, but was rescued by a negro. Master Burgess had been taking the part of horse thief in the show, and knew that he was to be executed, but none of the children realized what they were doing. After the execution the kids scampered away when they heard the approach of a man, and the negro, hearing the groans of the lad, went to his rescue and saved. He was brought to life with the greatest difficulty.

A conference committee of both the House and Senate now has charge of the tariff bill. After a debate of only an hour and a half the House, by a vote of 178 to 151, made a rule whereby all the 847 amendments of the Senate were disagreed to and the conference requested by the Senate granted. Speaker Cannon named nine conferees of the House to act with the conferees of the Senate. In naming them he selected none but "stand-patters" and left out ranking members of the Ways and Means Committee, who, by precedent, were entitled to the honor. The members he selected were Hill, of Connecticut, and Needham, of California, who are said to have progressive views as regards the tariff.

Attorneys for the State of West Virginia, Attorney General Conley, Ex-Governor W. M. O. Dawson, Secretary John G. Carlisle, and Senator Spooner are in Richmond looking

after the interest of the State in the Virginia debt suit which was assumed before Special Master Littlefield the first of the month. The abandonment of some of the claims by Virginia has created the impression in this State that Virginia has little chance of being able to show that West Virginia owes the mother state a cent.

The first of the month the rural free delivery route, with Whites Creek postoffice as the distributing point, was put in operation. The route is up Whites Creek to Centerville, thence across to Big Sandy at Pritchard, and down the river to the point of distribution. The establishment of this route extends rural free delivery to a prosperous farming community.

While the jailer and his deputy were at dinner Saturday at Paducah thirteen prisoners, seven white and six negroes, escaped from the county jail through an eighteen-inch hole that had been dug in the south wall.

WEST VIRGINIA NEIGHBORS.

The Wayne Oil Company is drilling its first well on Long Branch.

Policeman Ed Wyatt was killed at Williamson by an unknown negro last week. He found the man trying to break into a box car, and the negro turned and shot him when summoned to surrender. Wyatt died within a few hours.—Williamson Enterprise.

Last Friday morning about 10 o'clock Cliff Davis, a young man about 18 years of age, was killed by the motor train at the Rutherford mines at Red Jacket. He was braking on the motor and got off to throw a hatch when by some mishap he was knocked down and run over. His own father was running the motor. The young man had only been working on the motor three or four days.—Williamson Enterprise.

W. M. Carr, white, aged 23, was struck by Norfolk & Western passenger train No. 16 Monday evening about 5 o'clock a short distance west of Matewan and instantly killed. According to the information received at the division office in Bluefield it appears that Carr was walking along the track and did not hear the approach of the train. The body was mangled almost beyond recognition. Carr lived at Matewan, and his mother resides at Sprigg, where the remains were sent for burial.

One of the worst fatalities that ever took place in this section occurred on Tuesday evening shortly after five o'clock in the bend near M. B. Alley's orchard just this side of Matewan, by which James Hopkins, of Sprigg, was killed outright, Boyd Hatfield, a relative of ex-Sheriff Greenway Hatfield and living in the latter's home, was fatally injured, and Attorney C. M. Whit, recently of Pikeville but now of this city, was painfully hurt. Following so soon after the death of W. M. Carr the day before at the same time and the same place, the affair is doubly sad and deplorable. Whit and Hopkins had gone up from Williamson on No. 16, and Mr. Hopkins was on his way back to Sprigg to his home. Attorney Whit had gone to Matewan for the express purpose of investigating the manner of Carr's death the day before. Hatfield accompanied them down the track. It was a rather rainy and dismal afternoon and Hopkins carried an umbrella. When they got down to the place where the man had been killed, they began to examine the track closely, and saw pieces of bone and other gruesome relics of the accident of the day before. About this time a freight passenger train came west, but as they were on the east bound track, little attention was paid to it, and all were absorbed in their examination of the scene. Mr. Whit says that he never heard anything of a train coming up on the east bound track, until happening to glance up, he saw the engine not more than five or ten feet away. He shouted to his companions and leaped at once. The train was coming with such speed that he was struck and considerably bruised about the face, though he escaped severe injury. It is his opinion that neither of the other men ever saw the train. Hopkins' neck was broken and he was instantly killed and Hatfield was badly crushed about the body. He was later taken to the hospital at Welch, but died in a short time. Mr. Whit was taken down to Sprigg and we understand is doing nicely. Mr. Hopkins' body was taken to his home near Sprigg, where the funeral took place.—Williamson Enterprise.

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HOME CIRCLE COLUMN.

A Column Dedicated To Tired Mothers As They Join The Home Circle At Evening Tide

How many there are who would be unhappy if they could not find something to be miserable about.

Men can be found who are willing to go to Africa as missionaries who are not willing to take care of a cross baby for the third wife for half an hour.

The best way to keep the boys at home is to make it an object for them not to go out to seek amusements, for these they will have. Every farm house ought to be made a very heaven on earth to its inmates. Not alone the farm home, either, but all the houses in the land. Learn each child's nature and then work some home claim to keep him in your circle.

Of all places, praise should be most lavishly used in the family circle. How many of us keep all our words of kindness for strangers, for those in whom we have not one spark of vital interest; and to the hearts dependent upon us for sympathy and appreciation, have scarcely one cheery word. If we are so niggardly in the expenditure of the sweet charities of life that we cannot squander commendations on the home folks and strangers too, by all means let the home folks come in first for their share.

Parents oftentimes wonder who or what has ruined their boys. They have been in school every day. The teacher either does not teach them any lessons of morality or else his teaching is a failure. The truth is the boys are on the street from the time school closes until late at night. The street corner is the best place in the world for teaching vice, profligacy and crime, nearly all the bad language and idle, vicious habits of boys are taught on the street at late hours of the night. Teachers may be able to accomplish a little in counteracting these evil influences, but much of their labor is in vain until parents cooperate with them in keeping their boys off the street.

It is a proverbial saying among all the women that husbands have no adequate idea of life work which a housekeeper must do, and consequently are careless of the extra work they make for her. Would this be so in the next generation if every mother would begin with her little boys and teach them to be orderly with all their belongings, and to wait on themselves? Not only this.

Nervous Collapse

"I have traveled for thirty years continually. I lost a great deal of sleep, which together with constant worry left me in such a nervous state that finally, after having two collapses of nervous prostration, I was obliged to give up traveling altogether. I doctored continually but with no relief. Dr. Miles' Nervine came to my rescue—I cannot describe the suffering which this Nervine saved me. Whenever I am particularly nervous a few doses relieve me." A. G. C. LIBBY, Wells, Me.

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but teach them to help mother in every possible way; to keep the wood box filled with wood and the water pail with water; to save mother's tired feet by going upstairs and down cellar for her? Let him put up the clothes line, turn the wringer and empty the tubs for her on wash-day as soon as he is old enough. He will be proud enough to think that he is better than mother. Be very sure that you show your appreciation of every helpful act, and let him see that you look to him for assistance.

A SCOLDING HUSBAND CURED. A woman, whom her husband used frequently to scold, went to a cunning man to inquire how she might cure him of his barbarity. The sagacious soothsayer heard her complaint; and, after pronouncing some hard words, and using various gestulations while he filled a phial with colored liquid, desired her, whenever her husband was in a passion, to take a mouthful of the liquid and keep it in her mouth for five minutes. The woman quite overjoyed at so simple a remedy, strictly followed the counsel which was given her, and by her silence escaped the usual annoyance. The contents of the bottle being at last expended she returned to the cunning man and anxiously begged to have another possessed of the same virtue. "Daughter," said the man, "there was nothing in the bottle but brown sugar and water. When your husband is in a passion, hold your tongue, and my life on it, he will not scold you in the future."

Be careful how you speak of a woman's character. Think how many years she has been in building it, of the toil and privation endured, of the wounds received, and let no suspicion follow their actions. The purity of woman is the salvation of the race, the hope of future greatness, the redemption of man. Wipe out her purity and man sinks beneath the wave of despair, with no star to guide his life into a channel of safety. Think then before you speak, and remember that the hog can root up the fairest flowers that ever grew, so the vilest man can ruin the prettiest woman's character.

MOTHER AS A TEACHER. The perception of beauty, dormant in the babe, is easily awakened with the other growing faculties. The kindergarten teacher's efforts in this direction are constantly bearing fruit, but let a word be given to mothers who have not had a kindergarten training. Gather about your children a few beautiful objects; talk about them; let the children come, as they will unconsciously, under their influence, let beautiful ideas and images grow into their lives. Perhaps you have a dainty head in marble; put it on a low table to be admired, on the window-seat to cast a shadow, in the child's hand while he looks into the beautifully modeled face, at the smiling mouth, the wavy hair.

Take time to read and re-read a gem of poetry, or to sing a sweet song to your children. Above all take time to study with your child, from the shading of the leaf, the bird, the bee, the stone, the pearls of dew on grass blade, the frost glitter, the snow crystal; take time to watch the trees in their grandeur, the stretch of meadow, the sparkling stream, the cloud mountains, the sunset glory. Beauties will be revealed to you you dream not of.

Even from our crowded city streets, to the eye that is opened and the heart that is awakened, beauty has not fled. The flickering light, and shade weave themselves into exquisite patterns on our walls and garments, the trees throw their long dark shadows, the mists rise soft and gray, the sun pours its flood of golden light down the long dusty streets to the ear that is attuned, harmony rises from the discord of sounds. He who loves beauty and is looking for it will find it everywhere. And the mother who keeps her children alive by working with her children, developing their perception of beauty and love for the beautiful works of nature and art, and reverence for the beautiful truths divine, will give them a blessed inheritance which will lighten their burden as they grow beyond her sheltering care and bring more of cheerfulness, and hopefulness, and youthfulness into their lives.

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